

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 were pending in the present application. Claims 1-17 are cancelled herein, without prejudice. New claims 18-47 are added herein. Accordingly, claims 18-47 will be pending upon entry of the instant amendments.

Support for the new claims can be found throughout the specification and the new claims are encompassed by the scope of the claims as originally filed. In particular, the Amendment to the Claims was made to correspond to the United States patent claim practice. No new matter has been added.

Any amendments to the claims were done solely to expedite the prosecution of the application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the claims as originally filed in this or a separate application(s).

A Sequence Listing is also submitted herewith and the Specification is amended to insert the Sequence Listing and the appropriate Sequence Identifiers at the appropriate places.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing preliminary amendment.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, entry of the amendments and remarks presented herein, allowance of application with all pending claims are respectfully requested.

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The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
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